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Mr. Stephen Cohen
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Re: To your letter of inquiry marked RQ-2 and RQ-3 dated
April 21, 1994.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

From our conversation last week, enclosed you will find a copy of an AOPA PAC solicitation response piece that was used in November of 1993. As you can see, the FEC requirement for securing the occupation and employer of donors is stated on the response device. We capture this information from those members that provide it, maintain it in our database, and report it as required.

Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,


Roger C. Myers Jr.
Treasurer

Enc.
cc: John Gibson



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CHAIRMAN, AOPA PAC
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Dear AOPA PAC Supporter,

I just got back from testifying on your behalf before the House Aviation Subcommittee.

In fact, I spoke to them on behalf of 97% of all AOPA members who, surveys show, are fed up with Product Liability and its devastating effect on general aviation.

I told the Committee that, right now, the price of new piston aircraft is soaring into six figures - a price that's way out of reach for most pilots. I explained that aircraft are sitting on the ground while pilots are looking for scarce replacement parts. In short, I told them that the general aviation industry is fast becoming a casualty of political gridlock.

And I'm pleased to tell you that this testimony - and AOPA's other intense efforts - are about to pay off.

Here's why...

Congressmen Dan Glickman (D-KS) and James Hansen (R-UT) have introduced a breakthrough Product Liability Reform Bill that will limit an aircraft manufacturer's liability to a reasonable period of 15 years. And this legislation already has the support of over 250 members of Congress.

That means, if we can pry this legislation out of the House Judiciary Committee - where it's been stalled for over ten years - Product Liability Reform Legislation can finally pass the House.

I'm writing to you today because I need your financial support to help us seize this opportunity by launching AOPA's most massive political effort ever.

That means sending letters to our entire membership in order to generate grass-roots support. Leaning hard on members of the House Judiciary Committee later this month. Launching a massive media blitz that will plaster our message across newspaper, radio, and television. And lobbying hard in Congress for this specific Product Liability Reform Bill.

I don't have to tell you, this is a major undertaking. And that the future of the general aviation industry and the dream of affordable aircraft ownership are at stake. That's why I need the support of concerned AOPA PAC supporters like you.

Believe me, as good as things look right now, we can't afford to let up. After all, there are still plenty of heavily-funded special interest groups

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who will do anything they can to prevent Product Liability Reform.

Most important, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America is fighting everyday to keep Product Liability Reform bottled up in the House Judiciary Committee, so it can never come to a vote. And we've got to do whatever it takes to beat them at their own game.

That's why Congressman and AOPA member Jim Inhofe (R-OK), set the stage for an AOPA victory with a revolutionary procedure that will let us force the bill out of any committee that fails to act in a reasonable time frame.

How? Congressman Inhofe has changed Congressional rules to beef up the power of a legislative tool called a "Petition for Discharge." That means that, as a last resort, we can now force Product Liability Reform Legislation out of the hostile House Judiciary Committee where it's been stranded for nearly a decade.

In 1994, I want you to be with us in spirit as we haul Product Liability out of committee, force a floor vote, and pass this vital, long-overdue legislation at last.

That's why I need you to join the fight now by taking these two simple but important steps...

1. Mail your most generous gift to AOPA PAC today. Believe me, we're going up against some special interest groups with very deep pockets. So we need to scrape up every dollar we can before January 1st.
2. Put the enclosed "Let's reform product liability in 1994" bumper sticker on your car or plane. It's the best way I can think of to spread the word and rally grass-roots support for Product Liability Reform.

Remember, AOPA PAC depends entirely on the generosity of concerned pilots like you. So please, write a check for your most generous gift today. Then, mail it in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

I know I can count on you.

Sincerely,


Phil Boyer
Chairman, AOPA PAC

P.S. After all the big wins AOPA has had this year, our AOPA PAC funds are dangerously low. Please make sure we don't fall a few dollars short of winning the fight for Product Liability Reform. Mail your most generous gift today.



Let's break the political gridlock that's killing general aviation and reform product liability in 1994.

Enclosed is my most generous gift to AOPA PAC. Please use my contribution to fight for Product Liability Reform in Congress. Let's make aircraft affordable again and revive the ailing U.S. aircraft industry.

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